What is claimed is:

1 1.   A software tool creation method, comprising:
2   prompting input of process steps and a plurality
3 of potential selections associated with each of the
4 process steps;
5   storing input process steps and associated
6 potential selections; and
7   using the stored process steps and associated
8 potential selections to create a software tool for
9 outputting the input process steps based upon input
10 selections.

1 2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the prompting is
2 performed by a displayed template.

1 3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the prompting is
2 audible.

1 4.   The method of claim 1, wherein input of a
2 designation is further prompted and stored, associating a
3 potential selection with a subsequent process step.

1 5.   The method of claim 1, wherein one of the
2 potential selections permits input of a character string.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the created
2 software tool is displayed.

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4   7.   The method of claim 6, wherein the created
5 software tool is displayed as sequential process steps with
6 potential selections.

1   8.   The method of claim 7, wherein each of the
2 plurality of sequential steps in a process is displayed
3 concurrent with a single step and associated potential
4 selections.

1   9.   The method of claim 1, wherein input of a query
2 is prompted as a process step.

1   10.   The method of claim 9, wherein potential answers
2 to the query are prompted as associated potential
3 selections.

1   11.   The method of claim 1, further comprising storing
2 the created software tool.

1   12.   The method of claim 11, wherein at least one of
2 a stored process step and potential selection in the
3 created software tool is modifiable.

1   13.   The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 prompting and storing input of a designation, associated
3 with a process step, indicating one of machine and non-
4 machine processing.

1   14.   The method of claim 13, wherein upon receiving an
2 input designation indicating machine processing, further
3 input of information relating to the machine processing is

4   prompted.

1   15.   The method of claim 1, wherein the created
2   software tool sequentially conveys each of the input
3   process steps and prompts selection of a potential
4   selection for each process step.

1   16.   The method of claim 1, wherein the created
2   software tool is a wizard.

1   17.   The method of claim 15, wherein the created
2   software tool sequentially displays each of the input
3   process steps.

1   18.   The method of claim 15, wherein the created
2   software tool audibly sequentially outputs each of the
3   input process steps.

1   19.   The method of claim 15, wherein conveyance of a
2   process step is dependent upon a selection made in response
3   to a previously conveyed process step.

1   20.   A software tool creator, comprising:
2   a user interface, adapted to prompt input of
3   process steps and potential selections associated with
4   each of the process steps;
5   a memory adapted to store input process steps and
6   associated potential selections; and
7   a processor, adapted to create a software tool
8   based upon the stored process steps and associated
9   potential selections.

1   21.   The software tool creator of claim 20, wherein
2   the user interface is displayed.

1   22. The software tool creator of claim 21, wherein
2 the user interface is an integrated input and display.

1   23. The software tool creator of claim 21, wherein
2 the user interface is a touch-screen.

1   24. The software tool creator of claim 20, wherein
2 the user interface prompts audibly.

1   25. The software tool creator of claim 21, wherein
2 the memory is adapted to store audibly input process steps
3 and associated potential selections.

1   26. The software tool creator of claim 20, wherein
2 the user interface is further adapted to prompt input of a
3 designation, associating a potential selection with a
4 subsequent process step.

1   27. The software tool creator of claim 20, wherein
2 one of the potential selections permits input of a
3 character string.

1   28. The software tool creator of claim 20, wherein
2 the user interface prompts input of a query as a process
3 step.

1   29. The software tool creator of claim 28, wherein
2 the user interface prompts input of potential answers to a
3 query as associated potential selections.

1   30. The software tool creator of claim 20, wherein
2 the memory is further adapted to store the created software
3 tool.

1   31. The software tool creator of claim 20, wherein at
2 least one of a stored process step and potential selection
3 in the created software tool is modifiable through the user
4 interface.

1   32. The software tool creator of claim 20, wherein
2 the user interface further prompts input of a designation,
3 associated with a process step, indicating one of machine
4 and non-machine processing.

1   33. The software tool creator of claim 32, wherein
2 the user interface further prompts input of information
3 relating to the machine processing upon receiving an input
4 of a designation indicating machine processing.

1   34. The software tool creator of claim 33, wherein
2 the user interface further prompts input of a machine
3 connection.

1   35. The software tool creator of claim 34, wherein
2 the input of the machine connection includes input of a
3 URL.

1   36. An article of manufacture, comprising:
2   a computer usable medium including,
3   first code for causing a computer to prompt
4   input of process steps and a plurality of
5   potential selections associated with each of the
6   process steps;
7   second code for causing a computer to store
8   input process steps and associated potential
9   selections; and
10   third code for causing a computer to create

11   a software tool based upon the stored process
12   steps and associated potential selections.

1   37.   The article of manufacture of claim 36, wherein
2 the first code causes the computer to prompt via a
3 displayed template.

1   38.   The article of manufacture of claim 36, wherein
2 the first code causes the computer to audibly prompt.

1   39.   The article of manufacture of claim 36, wherein
2 the first code and second code respectively cause the
3 computer to further prompt and store an input designation,
4 associating a potential selection with a subsequent process
5 step.

1   40.   The article of manufacture of claim 36, wherein
2 the first code causes the computer to prompt input of
3 queries as the process steps.

1   41.   The article of manufacture of claim 40, wherein
2 the first code causes the computer to prompt input of
3 potential answers to the queries as the associated
4 potential selections.

1   42.   The article of manufacture of claim 36, wherein
2 the first code and second code respectively cause the
3 computer to prompt and store an input designation,
4 associated with a process step, indicating one of machine
5 and non-machine processing.

1   43.   The article of manufacture of claim 42, wherein
2 the first and second code respectively cause the computer
3 to prompt and store input of information relating to the

4   machine processing upon receiving an input of a designation
5   indicating machine processing.

1   44. A propagated signal, comprising:
2   first code segment instructing prompting input of
3   process steps and a plurality of potential selections
4   associated with each of the process steps;
5   second code segment instructing storage of input
6   process steps and associated potential selections; and
7   third code segment instructing creation of a
8   software tool based upon stored process steps and
9   associated potential selections.

1   45. The propagated signal of claim 44, wherein the
2   propagated signal is embodied in a digital signal.

1   46. The propagated signal of claim 44, wherein the
2   propagated signal is embodied in a digital bit stream.

1   47. The propagated signal of claim 44, wherein the
2   propagated signal is embodied in a carrier wave.

1   48. The propagated signal of claim 44, wherein the
2   first code segment instructs prompting via a displayed
3   template.

1   49. The propagated signal of claim 44, wherein the
2   first code segment instructs audible prompting.

1   50. The propagated signal of claim 44, wherein the
2   first and second code segment respectively instruct
3   prompting of input and storage of an input designation,
4   associating a potential selection with a subsequent process
5   step.

1   51.   The propagated signal of claim 44, wherein the

2 first code segment instructs prompting of input of queries

3 as process steps.

1   52.   The propagated signal of claim 51, wherein the

2 first code segment instructs prompting of input of

3 potential answers to the queries as the associated

4 potential selections.

1   53.   The propagated signal of claim 44, wherein the

2 first code segment and second code segment respectfully

3 instruct prompting of input and storage of an input

4 designation, associated with a process step, and indicating

5 one of machine and non-machine processing.

1   54.   The propagated signal of claim 53, wherein the

2 first and second code segments respectively instruct

3 prompting of input and storage of input of information

4 relating to the machine processing in response to receiving

5 input of a designation indicating machine processing.

1   55.   The article of manufacture of claim 36, wherein

2 the third code causes the computer to create a wizard.

1   56.   The propagated signal of claim 44, wherein the

2 third code segment instructs creation of a wizard.

1   57.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   accessing prestored information and creating the

3 software tool, at least in part, based upon the

4 prestored information.

1   58.   The method of claim 57, wherein the prestored

2   information is stored in a relational database.

1   59.   The method of claim 13, further comprising:
2   accessing prestored information upon receiving an
3   input designation indicating machine processing.

1   60.   The method of claim 59, wherein the prestored
2   information is stored in a relational database.

1   61.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2   storing additional information associated with at
3   least one of a process step and potential selection.

1   62.   The method of claim 58, wherein the additional
2   information includes a URL.

1   63.   The method of claim 57, wherein the prestored
2   information includes information stored in a text file
3   including a state table.

1   64.   The method of claim 60, wherein the prestored
2   information includes information stored in a text file
3   including a state transition table.

1   65.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2   selecting from a plurality of languages in which
3   prompting will occur.

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